

# Schoolhouse Consulting Group, Inc.

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June 13, 2009

Dr. Harry La Cava, Superintendent  
Indian River County School District  
1990 25th Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Dr. La Cava:

I welcome the opportunity to continue the strong working relationship relative to legislative affairs that we have enjoyed among the Treasure Coast districts during the past five years. It has been advantageous to work collaboratively on issues common to the Treasure Coast region. This letter serves as a cover for the attached invoice to renew services for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and to enhance federal legislative representation at a rate of \$30,875, prorated among Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie School Districts. This amount continues the 5% reduction from FY08 and is meant to be consistent with average reductions in state funding our counties received this current year and last. The T-C Workgroup is already part of my contract with the Palm Beach School District. If any district desires services beyond the positions taken by the Treasure Coast districts, such will be separate and independent of this agreement.

Services to be provided by SCGI:

- Coordination with the Board representatives, superintendents and designated staff in the development, preparation and pursuit of mutual legislative issues for 2010, both federal and state, for School Board approval and dissemination;
- Assistance with Treasure Coast district representatives on joint legislative issues prior to and/or after the regular Florida Legislative session in 2010. Such meetings can include pertinent federal issues for Congressional Delegation;
- Copies of the "Know Your Legislator" booklet for Board Members, Superintendent and designated staff;
- Periodic written and verbal reports to Board Members and Superintendents including a tracking chart of all bills potentially affecting PreK-12 education updated bi-weekly before the session and weekly during the session with a wrap-up upon adjournment;
- Distribution of "FYI's" from sources available to SCGI concerning state and federal issues to Board Members and the Superintendent on a routine basis;
- Arrangement of meetings as requested by Board Members and staff with individual legislators in Tallahassee during the session and pre-session committee meetings;
- Arrangement of meetings in Washington with Congressional members and staff as part of NSBA/FRN conferences or at a time when workgroup members would be in Washington;

- Wrap-up session on results of the regular Florida and Congressional sessions;
- "24/7" availability for questions/input on issues during 2010 Florida Legislative session; and
- Attendance, upon request and as scheduling allows, at various meetings involving collective Treasure Coast school district interests.

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Support Needed from Treasure Coast School Districts:

- An overall primary contact plus a main contact for each district to receive and disseminate documents, FYI's (E-mailed);
- Directory of key representatives of participating districts and after-hours contact numbers for possible use during the session; and
- Ability to analyze and provide feedback (immediate during the session) on impact to the district of specific bills and appropriations proposals.

The breakdown of each district's fee is below and continues to reflect unweighted FTE percentages based on the 2009-2010 Legislative FEFP Conference Report. The pro rata against the \$30,875 fee is as follows:

Indian River	Fee: \$ 6,663
Martin	6,635
Okeechobee	2,584
St. Lucie	14,993

I look forward to continuing our relationship. If you have any questions, please call me at (561) 644-2439.

Sincerely,

/s

Vernon A. Pickup-Crawford  
President and Consultant  
Schoolhouse Consulting Group, Inc.

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Attachment (invoice)

# Schoolhouse Consulting Group, Inc.

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Invoice # 305

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Renewal of 2009 Treasure Coast Legislative Consulting Contract for  
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

\$ 6,663.00

Please send payment to address shown above and note address change

Payment due upon receipt and acceptance of renewal

Total \$ 6,663.00

Thank you

Vernon A. Pickup-Crawford  
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